

MINUTES
PROGRESSIVE CLUB of STINSON BEACH
Jan 30, 1970

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hugh Dougherty, President.

It was moved seconded and passed, that reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The treasurer reported that there was \$ 225.00 in the treasury.

Mr. Dougherty reported that the flooding of Calle del Arroyo during the recent heavy rains had been reported to the Department of Public Works. He also said that the situation just beyond Elwood's should be brought to county attention with a view to permanent solution of the problem. Likewise enforced use of Panoramic Highway while Highway 1 was closed had revealed its poor condition, another matter for county attention.

Mr. Tupper commented that life here is a gamble-- the road may be open or not, we may have electricity or not, yet major taxes go to the big communities. Miss Walsh commented on the increase in traffic.

It was moved seconded and passed that these matters be brought to county attention.

It was noted that the PG&E proposes an increase in electric rates and that the Board of Supervisors will have County Counsel representing the county before the State Public Utilities Commission. It was moved, seconded and passed that we add our voice.

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Tupper and Dorothy Msyfield recommended for nomination

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| President | Mr. Hugh Dougherty |
| Vice Pres. | Mr. Arthur Volz |
| Secretary | Aleta Brownlee |
| Treasurer | Mr. Ralph Sigmund |
| Representative on Community Center Board | Mr. Ed Lewis |

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for these nominees.

After these business matters the group enjoyed a talk and pictures by Mr. Fred C Sibley , Director-Biologist of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory.

Mr. Sibley who has his AM from Cornell University spent two years in Africa, four years with the Smithsonian Institution and three and a half as director of the California Condor project.

His talk on the work of the Bird Observatory, not only at Point Reyes but also now on the Farralone Islands was most interesting and instructive and his pictures of the birds at both locations were beautiful. It was evident from the discussion which followed that the group felt pleased that we have such an interesting project in our area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Aleta Brownlee
Secretary



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1970 QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return with your annual dues payment.

- 1) Should there be any improvements to Hwy 1? yes no
- 2) If so, should improvements take the form of:
 construction of a freeway
 major improvements to the existing road
 modest improvements to the existing road
- 3) Should Hwy 1 be removed from the California Freeway Master Plan? yes no
- 4) Should travel to and development of Stinson Beach be discouraged, or encouraged? Please state why you think so.

- 5) Should traffic congestion be used as a means to discourage travel to and development of Stinson Beach? yes no
- 6) If so, is traffic congestion acceptable:
 on weekends only
 on weekends & during commuting hours
 all of the time
- 7) Should other means be used to discourage travel to and development of Stinson Beach? yes no
- 8) If so, please specify what means should be used.

- 9) Assuming that Stinson Beach will grow, please state in what ways you think this growth should occur:
 Predominantly second homes
 Predominantly principal places of residence
 Apartments and condominiums
 Single family, detached dwellings
 Motels, resorts, etc.
- 10) Do you think the appearance of our town would be improved by putting telephone and power lines underground? yes no

- 11) If so, should this be done:
_____ for all of the town not now served by
_____ underground utilities
_____ only in selected areas where the majority
_____ of the property owners are willing to pay
_____ a share of the cost
- 12) If you are the owner of a house in Stinson Beach, would you
be willing to pay for undergrounding of utilities, spread
over a number of years, a total cost of:
_____ \$500
_____ \$750
_____ \$1000
_____ \$1250
- 13) Recognizing that the availability of funds is limited, in
a very real sense, please indicate what priorities you would
assign to community improvements:
_____ Sewer system
_____ New School
_____ Underground Utilities
_____ Harbor development
_____ Other (_____)
- 14) Comments: _____



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April 10, 1970

To Members and Friends:

It is time to speak of the things we have done, and the things we have not done; our successes, our failures and our omissions. This then, is the annual report:

HIGHWAYS. The county board of supervisors renewed its request to the State Division of Highways for a route location study for Hwy 1, specifying a route within a corridor that effectively puts the freeway on top of Bolinas Ridge (what is now Ridgecrest Blvd.), bypassing Stinson Beach. The State appears to have put this request in their stack of "things to do". It is interesting to note that Supervisor Baar mentioned a feeder road down to the San Geronimo Valley, while Supervisor Arrigoni suggested removing Hwy 1 from the California Freeway Plan. The Progressive Club did not participate in a debate at the county level, on the theory that past freeway fights indicate members hold such widely diverging views that no solid position is possible. However, it does seem worthwhile to review this position and you will find part of the enclosed questionnaire devoted to it.

Meanwhile, the State is pursuing a program of modest improvements to Hwy 1. The road was widened just south of Stinson Beach and near Green Gulch Ranch last summer and this year the little concrete bridge at Muir Beach is to be widened. Next year there will be more road widening, generally to pavement widths of 26' to 30', together with placement of guard rail and reduction in the sharpness of some of the curves. Also scheduled are reflector buttons on the center stripe. The Club has actively campaigned for such modest improvements for several years.

Locally, the Club is now working to obtain 2-hour parking on weekends in the "downtown" business district, to have Panoramic repaved, to have drainage improvement on Calle del Arroyo and to have repairs made on parts of Calle del Mar.

BOLINAS LAGOON. Last year we sponsored a public debate prior to the election at which the Bolinas Harbor District was dissolved. After the election the Conservation Foundation of Washington, D.C. undertook an examination of the results of the many studies which have been made of particular aspects of the Lagoon. To this end they assembled a staff of experts to combine the studies in a rational form, understandable by all. This work is nearly finished and they have promised to make a public presentation for which we will schedule a meeting in June. We hope that with the facts arrayed comprehensively, some community agreement can be realized on how best to use the Lagoon. Whatever agreement can be achieved will be of importance in the

review of the county's general plan for the Bolinas-Stinson Beach area, which is now getting under way.

We are trying to interest a National Guard unit in a weekend training exercise which would consist of removing the burned-out remains of the dredge at the Stinson B each end of the Lagoon.

HOUSE NUMBERS. Our big project during the past year, in conjunction with the Fire Department, was to notify home owners of their house numbers.

PARKS & RECREATION. Unexpected opposition developed which resulted in failure in our attempt to establish a county service area to acquire land near the Community Center for a small park and recreational area. The need for playground facilities for local residents (as distinguished from day visitors) continues, and undoubtedly will result in another try.

SEWERS. The local Water District reports that after nearly ten years, it has entered into a joint powers agreement with its Bolinas counterpart for the construction of a joint sewage treatment plant. If commitments for federal aid can be secured, the District will begin hearings on this project soon.

MEETINGS AND SO FORTH. The Club held meetings devoted to various subjects such as the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, the litter problem, and cable TV. The Club "did its thing" in assisting with the Dipsea Race and refurbishing litter cans.

MONEY. Ralph Sigmund reports that the Club will have approximately \$96 on hand by the time this reaches you.

As always, we ask that when you renew your membership for 1970 (or join if not now a member) to please send us your thoughts about what the Club should be doing for the Community. Your comments and directions are the strength of the Club. This year we also ask that you return the enclosed questionnaire.

Cordially,

Hugh Dougherty, President
Arthur Volz, Vice President
Aleta Brownlee, Secretary
Ralph Sigmund, Treasurer

MINUTES

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Aug. 28, 1970

The meeting was opened by Mr. Hugh Dougherty, President.

It was moved, seconded and passed to dispense with reading the minutes of the last meeting.

The report of the Treasurer, Ralph W Sigmund, showing a balance on hand of \$ 714.64 was approved.

Miss Brownlee, Secretary, reported that the club now has 183 members, 84 single and 99 family. 84 have local addresses and 99 out of town.

Miss Brownlee reported on the results of the questionnaire which was sent out with the last report and requests for membership.

Generally speaking, the membership wants only modest improvement of Highway #1, they do not want a freeway, and do want Highway #1 removed from the California Master Plan. Of the 11 who voted for a freeway, some said it should be part of a parkway or greenbelt; others that it should be on the ridge with access roads only to Stinson Beach.

Three times as many want to discourage travel to the beach as to encourage it. Most of them thought traffic congestion might discourage travel, especially on weekends and holidays.

In general they felt the most desirable growth would be in single family detached dwellings; only 9 favored apartments or condominiums and 17 motels or resorts, specifying they should be modest.

99 voted that the appearance of Stinson Beach would be enhanced by underground public utility lines; 19 voted against it. Of possible priorities 97 want a sewer system, 56 a new school, 54 underground utilities, 3 a community park, 1 an improved water system, and 1 a master plan for the town.

Many comments were volunteered, most of them relating to zoning, building codes and home maintenance, to traffic control, and to control of persons living here who are considered undesirable, summed up by one person who wrote " I do not agree that people should be discouraged from coming to Stinson Beach. I do believe certain things can be done which would not encourage more people to come than the beach can accomodate, as no freeway, no multiple housing. etc. "

Mr. Dougherty then commented on the " modest " improvements already planned for Highway # 1.

Mr. Dougherty then reported on the sewer situation. He said that the local Water District which was formed 10 years ago had been primarily with this in mind and that it had now concluded a joint powers agreement with Bolinas. At a meeting it was decided that the facility should be placed along the lagoon but the present plan is to put it on the Martinelli ranch above Agate Beach, with an outlet to the ocean there.

Stinson Beach will be responsible for a collection system covering every house and lot. Sewage will be transported down Seadrift, by tunnel to Bolinas Pump Station, from where it would go by gravity to the ocean. The plant (N. of the mesa and S of the Marconi station) would be an aerated lagoon system producing an effluent close to secondary treatment.

The cost will be very high. It is hoped to get Federal and State aid. If both is forthcoming the federal government will provide 58% and the State 25%. This may be possible if the federal housing bill is passed over the President's veto or there is a new bill, and if the sewer bond issue, which is on the State ballot passes.

It has not been decided just how local funds will be provided. It is hoped to begin work in April 1971 and complete it in one year.

There was discussion of the present condition of pollution in the lagoon add on the shore and the cases of infectious hepatitis which have arisen.

It was decided that goals for the coming year would include completion of plans for a sewer system, roads, traffic, parking, zoning and building codes, and underground utilities.

Mr. Arthur Volz reported that all was in hand for the annual Dipsea race.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Alta Brown
Secretary

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Oct. 9, 1970

The meeting was opened by Mr. Hugh Dougherty, President.

A letter of thanks for the help given by the Stinson Beach club members from the Mill Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce was read.

There was some discussion of the proposed increase in water rates and some people reported they had already written and received replies. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Progressive Club ask for a hearing.

Mr. David Walker, Senior Consultant for the Conservation Foundation, Washington DC, whose organization had been asked to correlate reports, secure necessary new one and make recommendations to the Marin County Board of Supervisors, then spoke.

A brief summary report has been compiled and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday and a complete report will be ready in January.

Mr. Walker said that preservation of the lagoon cannot be reconciled with development. The geology is unique, and they now know enough to predict what will happen if this or that is done. He said solutions are possible and that steps should be taken for preventive environmental control. Water pollution must be stopped, slopes must not be developed or it will kill the lagoon, use of the lagoon should be limited to minor, preferably educational uses, with no boats, no noise and the most limited dredging, strictly monitored.

They recommend a moratorium on buildings outside the two existing communities. It would be best to have no highway development, but if it must come, it should be on the ridge top, limited to two lanes. It is important to take the highway out of the freeway system.

There are problems of preserving the salt marshes, of devising compensation to owners for non-use of land, for flood control. Last year logging and the big storm brought about a 300% increase in silting.

The question of dredging arose. He said they would recommend it only from the existing harbor to the mouth, with careful monitoring to see what happened to organisms etc. He said if nothing is done the lagoon might be much the same for 20 years-- with the controls he mentioned, probably 400 years. He recommended a "watch-dog" committee of local persons who know who to call when violations occur.

The reports will be placed in the local libraries.

Alita Browner
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Progressive Club of Stinson Beach

Oct. 26, 1970

The meeting was called by the President Hugh Dougherty to consider the appointment of committees to carry out some of the wishes of the membership as expressed in their answers to the questionnaire which accompanied the last report.

The following appointments were made.

Committee on Streets, Highways and Parking : Arthur Volz

Barbara Barrie
Wilma Leonard
O.W. Reutinger
Mrs. G.C. Briggs
Miriam Ferber
Mimi Lowrey

Committee on Underground Utilities : Helen Walsh

Jean Ellis
Al Engle
Ira Switzer
H.T. Tupper

Committee on Planning and Zoning : Aleta Brownlee

✓ Andrea de Marco
✓ Mrs. Herbert Nadai

~~Mr. Lester Sadler~~

~~Mr. D. Baylis~~ not this year - try to get -

Mr. G.C. Briggs

✓ Mrs. Henry Wagner

~~Mr. Ronald E. Wagner~~

The named members of the Executive Committee will sit with these committees which will select their own chairmen.